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In re Application of:

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For: File Server System Providing Direct Data
Sharing Between Clients With A Server
Acting As An Arbiter and Coordinator

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please find enclosed a Form 1449 citing a number of references and two pending patent applications (SN 09/261,626 filed 03/03/99, and SN 09/261,542 filed 03/03/99 allowed 07/02/01) assigned to the assignee of the present application, EMC Corporation, copies of these documents, a set of formal drawings including twenty-two (22) sheets, and a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson. If a first Official Action has issued prior to receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement, please charge the IDS fee (\$180.00) to EMC Corporation Deposit Account No. 05-0889, Order No. EMC- 98-092.

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows. A marked-up version of the changes made to the specification is attached as APPENDIX I. Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.

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